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SEES CONTINUED MEAT SHORTAGES

SOME MEAT EXPORTS NECESSARY -- Polska Zbrojna, No 301, 2 Nov 49

Before the war, the meat situation was outwardly satisfactory. Meat consumption of a workingman's family was then about 24 kilograms; in rural areas, not more than 14 kilograms.

War destruction of cattle and hogs badly affected Poland's postwar meat supply. In 1947, when peasants could not breed cattle because of the feed shortage, there was an apparent increase in the market supply of meat and fats. This resulted in the meat shortages felt in 1948 and 1949. The present livestock plan aims at improving livestock breeding quantitatively and qualitatively. It is a long-range program wherein the meat supply is of secondary importance.

According to statistics the export of meat products does not exceed 4 per cent of the total animal production, which is such a low percentage that it cannot influence the local meat market. The export of limited quantities of meat products must be considered in the light of Poland's import requirements.

There is also an economic reason for the fluctuations in the supply of butter. Because of cattle losses, Poland is producing 60 percent less milk than before the war. Milk is given mostly to children and nursing mothers. The yearly consumption of butter in a workingman's family is a little higher than 5 kilograms per capita.

Until the present economic plans are fulfilled, the production of consumers' goods is to be subordinated to investment needs. Therefore, for some time to come there will be shortages in meat and fat supplies.

PRICE BOOST DENIED -- Polska Zbrojna, No 300, 1 Nov 49

In reference to rumors in some parts of Poland that prices of commodities such as sugar, fuel, alcohol, soap, coal, matches, and salt would rise, the Ministry of Domestic Trade declares that these rumors are absolutely false. They are spread intentionally by hostile and reactionary antigovernment elements.

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